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Development of Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that at least Rs.388.61 crore is estimated to be required in 2016-17 for the development of Major Ports including Mormugao Port and Cochin Port in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is aware that mere Rs.29 crore has been allocated for the purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate adequate funds as per requirement for the purpose in view of revenue/employment generated by these ports in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether it is a fact that Mormugao Port has witnessed a hike in cargo traffic in the recent past and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
(e) whether the existing infrastructure/ capacity at Mormugao Port is capable enough for handling the increased cargo traffic and if not, the steps proposed by the Government to upgrade the infrastructure/capacity at the port?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a)to(c):An amount of Rs.29.00 crore was allocated through Government Budgetary support(GBS) for various port projects/schemes of major ports, including the projects of Mormugao Port and Cochin Port, in the BE 2016-17. This allocation has been spent. Request for additional funds has been made in the proposals for RE 2016-17 and BE 2017-18.

(d)&(e):Mormugao port has witnessed an increase in cargo traffic in the last three years as indicated in the table below:

Year	Traffic Handled (In MT)
2013-14	11.74
2014-15	14.71
2015-16	20.77
2016-17(upto October,2016)	15.41

The existing capacity of Mormugao Port is 48.79 MTPA which is adequate to handle the potential increase in traffic at the port.
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